Import of Electronic Components

969. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electronic component manufacturers have represented to Government that the new duty structure has resulted in the imported components being cheaper than local manufacturers;

(b) whether the import bill for component is likely to shoot up as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, what measures Government are taking to protect the domestic manufacturers of electronic components?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIV RAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The import bill for electronic components is likely to increase only on a pro-rata basis as the consumption of electronic components increases with the demand.

(c) In order to make the manufacture of electronic component more competitive in the country, efforts are being made to make available at the earliest imported raw materials and capital goods to this industry at near international prices.

Electronics Policy

970. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent electronics policy has made free import of technology viable; and

(b) fi so, by when it is likely to affect the indigenous research and development in the field of electronics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL). (a) The Electronics policy recently announced for import of technology in a pragmatic and appropriate manner.

(b) It is not likely to affect indigenous research and development in the field of electronics.

Snakes in endangered Species List

971. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that snakes are an endangered species in the country;

(b) whether clandestine trade of snake skins has assumed alarming proportions; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to protect them from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) Of the many species of snakes, the pythons and the egg-eating snakes are endangered. However, all the snakes are in need of protection.

(b) No, Sir. However, some cases of clandestine trade in snakeskins do take place from time to time and action under the law is taken to deal with them.

(c) All the species of snakes are afforded full legal protection from hunting and trade or commerce under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. No trapping licences are being issued in any part of the country for the purpose of trade in snakes or snakeskins.

Indo-French Joint Space

972. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indo-French joint research pact on space has recently been signed; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. No Indo-French Joint Research Pact on Space has been signed recently. An inter-governmental agreement for co-operation in the field of outer space between India and France, which among other things, cover Space Research and application of Space Technology, has been in existence since 1977.

(b) Does not arise.

Reclamation of Waste Land

973. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the names of the States where wasteland is being developed and the plants/crops etc. that are proposed to be grown?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): Wastelands in all the States and Union Territories are to be developed. Emphasis will be placed on the growing of species which yield fuelwood and fodder.

उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय वन सेवा के अधिकारी

974. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार को सूचित किया है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में भारतीय वन सेवा के अनुभवी अधिकारियों की कमी के कारण वन विभाग के सामाजिक वानिकी और उत्तर प्रदेश वन निगम की योजनाओं का कार्य अवरुद्ध हो गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार इस संबंध में क्या उपचारी कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) ऐसे मामलों में कब तक अन्तिम निर्णय ले लिये जाने की संभावना है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री वीर सेन) : (क) सामाजिक वानिकी सहित, महत्वपूर्ण वानिकी योजनाओं के दक्षतापूर्ण कार्यान्वयन में सहायता करने के लिए भारतीय वन सेवा अधिकारियों के नियतन में वृद्धि करने के संबंध में उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने अनुरोध किया है।

(ख) और (ग) विभिन्न राज्य/संघ राज्यों क्षेत्र का सरकार में भारतीय वन सेवा अधिकारियों की बढ़ती हुई मांग को ध्यान में रखते हुए भारतीय वन सेवा की वार्षिक परीक्षा के माध्यम से अधिकारियों की भर्ती बढ़ा दी गई है ?

Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle Project

975. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the launching of ASLV (Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle) has been delayed;

(b) by when it is likely to be launched;

(c) the amount of payload it is likely to carry and the cost of national exchequer is likely to incur as a result thereof; and

(d) the location where the ASLV is being fabricated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The launch scheduled for October has been delayed by 3 months to avoid the cyclone season and is now expected to take place in early 1986.

(c) The payload of ASLV will be a Satellite weighing 150 Kg. The cost of such satellite is about Rs. 188 lakhs. As of now, the expenditure on the ASLV Project is expected to be within the sanctioned cost of Rs. 19.73 crores.

(d) Besides the contribution of the units of the Indian Space Research Organisation, a large number of national institutions and industries fabricate various parts of the Launch Vehicle. They are integrated by the ASLV Project in the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Trivandrum; some elements are also integrated at SHAR Centre, Sriharikota, where the Launch will take place. The Stretched